



"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

NOVEMBER 1964

GLAD Tidings

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Thanks to All Who Helped Make It Possible . . .

REV. AND MRS. DAVID C. COLBERT

As we drove down the road crowded with people, bicycles, donkeys, and other animals, we realized we were in a strange country on our way to the first church where a Sunday School Convention was to be held. Cars seldom traveled the road which took us through creeks, over rocks, and a beautiful jungle of banana trees, fern and philodendron. Arriving at 10 a.m. we found the church already half-filled with people who had started as early as 3 o'clock that morning to be there. Before noon the church was full and there were people outside leaning in all the windows and doors to hear each session.

In this village of Winchester the homes were all thatched roofed huts hidden among the banana trees. The local pastor had everyone go to his house for the noon meal which consisted of rice, curried goat and bread-fruit which was all cooked over an open fire outside where all their cooking is done. The houses are very small, consisting of one room which is used only for sleeping, as the people live out of doors.

The next day we were in the city of Kingston, which is the largest city on the island. Here the people were very receptive and understanding, as many of them attended schools and are business people.

Leaving Kingston we headed for the bush country where we spent one week without any running water, electricity or any modern conveniences. We had to carry our drinking water with us and running out at one time, the local pastor got us some coconuts and we drank the coconut milk to quench our thirst. In these little communities of Hatfield, Treasure Beach, and Broughton we thought of how God must love these simple people who travel so far on foot and sit for hours on backless benches to learn how they can be more effective in their Sunday schools in order to reach the minds filled with superstition and the lives of those who are in devilish cults.

As we awoke one morning in the little thatched roof home of a native Christian family and heard them on the other side of the curtain thanking

God for sending the strangers who had slept in their home that night, our hearts were full of the great responsibility and privilege that God had given us made possible by the churches of Northern California and Nevada.

Spending two days at Port Antonio with Sister Rye, we saw first hand the life of a very busy and dedicated missionary. In one day we attended two church services, a baptismal service at the sea where Bro. Colbert had the privilege of baptizing several young people who had recently been won to the Lord, and a funeral which was most unusual and interesting to us foreigners. As we followed Sister Rye through the market place making our way among the natives who were sitting on the ground with their vegetables, fruits, and meats and then watched as she purchased her groceries and talked with the people, we could see the love and devotion these people had for a missionary who is truly teaching the "new Way." Not a new way of dressing or running their homes, but a way where Christ comes in and makes a new life out of the old sinful life.

Our last convention was in the beautiful city of Montego Bay where again many of the people are school



teachers, clerks, and business people. This is a church of consecrated, zealous, and enthusiastic Christians. In this city of approximately 30,000, their goal in the next few years is to have one-tenth of the city attending their church. With God's help and their enthusiasm we couldn't help but feel that if we ever get back to Jamaica, we will find they will have reached their goal and then some.

As we boarded our plane after two and a half weeks in Jamaica, we realized in what a short time these people had been taken into our hearts. God had given us some wonderful Sunday School Conventions—the very first for Jamaica — and the people had truly given us a wonderful welcome.

Jamaica's First National Sunday School Convention

by HELEN RYE

Jamaica, like a great jewel nestled in the bosom of the Caribbean Sea, portrays great contrasts—from humble, thatch-roofed homes to the very latest in architecture, from donkey travel to airplanes, from lush green tropical foliage to dry barren plains. A nation of many peoples, she celebrated her second year of independence on Aug. 3, and on that memorable day we began our island's first National Sunday School Convention—a series of six regional conferences held throughout the island.

Enthusiasm ran high! Many traveled during the nights, some on foot carrying their lamps, others by donkey, truck and buses singing and praising the Lord. In one small fishing village where we had record attendance, believers, most of them from newly opened outstations, came through heavy rains. These all arrived with burning hearts eager to be better equipped for their tasks in the Sunday Schools.

With paper and pencils in hand, the workers carefully took notes while convention speakers, Brother and Sister Colbert and Brother Fenton presented methods of memorization, fascinating ideas on the use of Visual Aid

and song, classroom procedures and the great need of the National Sunday School Standard to help them meet the vast evangelistic challenge of the hour. Workers, broken in spirit before God, cried out to Him for an anointing equal to their task in each service.

Indeed, Jamaicans greatly appreciate the ministry of the Sunday School team. Throughout the island teachers testified of the inspiration received from the various sessions. In one meeting, a Sunday School secretary deeply moved, stood to her feet and thanked the team for coming to give them instruction on how to use material they had but didn't know how to use properly. Already there have been requests from pastors for further individual help and for another Convention in the coming year.

Your hearts would have been thrilled had you been able to watch these people as they thronged around the display booth eagerly receiving the pamphlets sent by the National Sunday School Department and the Boy's and Girl's Missionary Crusade.

Truly, Jamaica's first Sunday School Convention has left indelible marks upon this new nation.

Gerhart Anniversary Banquet Brings

SURPRISE- UNBELIEF- SHOCK . . .

Such was the order of emotions experienced by Rev. Joseph L. Gerhart on the night of Sept. 8 upon entering the Social Hall of the El Sobrante Assembly. More than 200 friends, relatives and fellow ministers gathered to honor Bro. Gerhart on the occasion of his birthday and the 30th Wedding Anniversary of the Gerharts.

The idea for the banquet was that of Chaplain David W. Plank, who spent several months in meticulous preparation and seemingly endless hours in detailed planning. The result was one of the loveliest, most beautifully arranged occasions ever attended by the Gerharts and their friends. Da-

vid's determined desire to make the affair a complete surprise to Bro. Gerhart was 100 per cent successful.

Chaplain Plank mc'd the ceremonies during which many beautiful musical numbers were enjoyed, lovely gifts presented to the Gerharts, and a delicious banquet dinner served. In addition to the gifts presented by their many friends, the Gerharts received several hundred greeting cards, letters of congratulations and messages of

best wishes from friends in the States and many foreign countries. Highlighting these messages were personally handwritten greetings from Adm. Chester Nimitz and President Lyndon B. Johnson. Letters of congratulations came from Governor Edmund G. Brown, several Senators and Congressmen, officials of the General Council, District Superintendents, and Major General Charles Brown, Chief of the Army Chaplains.

WHAT ABOUT THEIR FUTURE?

Chang Shang Fong came to Bethany Bible College from Penang, Malaya, after finding Christ under the ministry of Missionary Evelyn Hatchett, who saw in him potential leadership abilities so desirable in establishing a strong national church.

He graduated with BBC Class of 1959 and returned to Penang, where he began his ministry. He married a lovely young woman from Singapore who was graduated from Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Tex., and from the University of California at Berkeley.

Now in *Malaya's Crisis Hour*, the door is open for *Expanded Ministry* for Loren and Faith Chang as they are invited to go to our Bible Institute at Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, to serve as teachers and business manager.

No longer can Loren engage in secular work to support his family. The Bible Institute will require his full time.

Friends who care enough to give sacrificially will make this ministry possible for the **Changs**. Support **must come** from Christian friends . . . the Changs have no other source of income.

1. All Offerings, Pledges must be sent directly to MRS. JOSEPH L. GERHART.
2. All Contributions to be made payable to M. B. NETZEL, General Treasurer.

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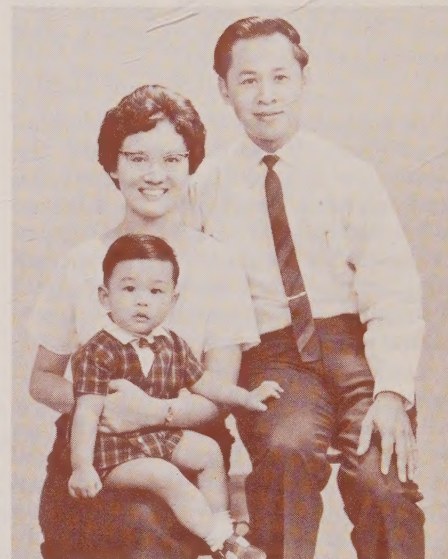
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His Hand Stuck to the Sword

by REV. PAUL E. LOWENBERG
Superintendent, Kansas District

Rev. Lowenberg will be the guest speaker at
District Convention, Sacramento, March, 1965.

GUEST EDITORIAL

"He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword; and the Lord wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to take a spoil."

2 Samuel 23:10

America has had its Grant, England its Nelson, Italy its Garibaldi, the Alamo its Travis, Gettysburg its Armistead, and Israel had its Eleazer. When the roll call of the world's greatest battle heroes is called, Eleazer will stand in the front ranks to receive a distinguished service award for service above call of duty.

Look at him: outnumbered, out-armed, with no defense but his sword. All alone with God's might he slashes, he strikes, he swings his two-edged sword with a solemn fury that beggars description. The enemy falls on every hand like ripened wheat before the harvest scythe. Oblivious to personal danger, impervious to his own wounds, with lion-like tenacity, with determination set on fire by a sense of divine mission, he does not cease until he completely annihilates his foe.

David's soldier falls to the ground utterly exhausted like one mortally wounded. Someone reaches to his

side to minister help, to wet his parched lips with water. They reach down to take his sword out of his hand, only to discover what the Holy Spirit records: "His hand stuck to the sword." Samuel used the word "clave," which in Hebrew means to adhere to, fuse together, or weld into one piece. What a picture! Hand and sword are one, fingers and shaft fused together—welded in a death grip in which the soldier and sword are so integrated that it is impossible to separate them. What more can be said? What more need be said? Only the Holy Spirit can say it so eloquently, "His hand stuck to the sword."

Young people are looking for heroes. You who are planning to enter the ministry could do no better than to adopt Eleazar as your patron saint. His life can be summed up in three brief sentences: (1) he fights alone; (2) he fights against imponderable odds; (3) he fights until the battle ends in complete triumph. But you are up against a much more treacherous foe than Eleazar was. Paul tells you that you are not wrestling against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world,

against spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:12). And this formidable foe cannot be successfully routed by ordinary, everyday instruments.

While our country is armed with an astounding plurality of weapons, both for defense and offense, you are limited to just one: the Word of God, which is the sword of the Spirit. This is what Jesus said. Peter, Paul and John used the Word of God. It was with the Word of God they shook the Roman Empire to its foundations. And with this Word, Jesus our Lord routed the devil on the mount of temptation. It was this Word that pricked the multitude on the day of Pentecost and made them cry, "Men and brethren, what must we do?" The Hebrew writer says this: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). This is the sword which the royal David commits into your hands today.

Today the Word of God is no longer accepted or treated as the two-edged sword of the Spirit. It has become a magical wand, heavily perfumed with all the enchanting aromas of humanistic apothecaries, to bewitch and draw men to a Christless, crossless, godless, faithless, new-birthless ecumenicism. It has become a diamond-studded chalice filled with the sweet wines of a hundred Christ-distorting compromises which dull the spiritual brain, rendering it insensible to the lurking dangers intoxicating it with

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Q. We are dealing on a piece of land on which to build our new Assembly. Even though the deal is being held up due to some technicalities, we are sure it is going through. Is it all right to start preparing the land for the new building?

A. ABSOLUTELY NOT! Embarrassing and costly mistakes have been made on this very thing. I am listing some important "Do Nots" for Construction Loan applicants. It is always wise to check with a representative of our District Building and Lands Committee before you start building if you have any questions. They have valuable helps and information for you. Contact me, and I will have a representative get in touch with you.

Here is a list of "Do Nots" which you should observe carefully, because if the requested loan is to be made, the deed of trust or mortgage must be superior in lien to any mechanics' liens which might arise out of the construction of the proposed improvements. No loan can be made if you fail to observe these rules, or if your building

JOSEPH L. GEARHART

District Superintendent



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contractor or anyone acting for you fails to observe them.

1. Do not begin removing or demolishing any building or buildings on the property.

2. Do not start to build or demolish retaining walls, fences, etc.

3. Do not install water meters on the property.

4. Do not permit pole or meter for power saws to be installed.

5. Do not begin grading or setting any stakes for grading, or removing any debris from the property.

6. Do not have any material or equipment which is to be used in the construction of the improvements delivered to the property, or adjacent

property, or placed in streets or in alleys.

7. Do not drill test holes for the foundation.

8. Do not outline the foundations—even with temporary stakes.

9. Do not remove (or plant) any trees or shrubs or even weeds.

10. In brief, do not have work of any kind done on the property until deed of trust or mortgage has been recorded and you have been notified to proceed. You should caution your contractor on all these ten "Do not's."

An inspector for the lender or title company checks up on the observance of all these "Do not's" before recordation.



SHARE IN THE MINUTEMAN PROGRAM

APPROXIMATE MEMBERSHIP RECEIPTS 1962 - 1963 JAN.-SEPT.

BUTTE	577	\$ 356.00	\$ 76.00
CAPITOL	1,996	2,649.65	315.00
CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN	1,575	938.35	12.00
COAST COUNTIES	1,054	7,787.68	2,083.77
CONTRA COSTA	409	294.65	222.00
EAST BAY	1,499	2,697.00	736.00
LAKE BERRYESSA	496	225.00	10.66
LAKE-MENDOCINO	299	84.00	124.15
LASSEN-PLUMAS	187	20.00	0.00
NORTH BAY	401	898.66	697.00
NORTHERN NEVADA	125	19.17	17.57
NORTH SAN JOAQUIN	976	77.00	0.00
PENINSULA	2,655	3,127.60	741.49
REDWOOD	592	200.75	6.00
SACRAMENTO VALLEY	621	65.00	85.33
SHASTA	204	31.00	0.00
SIERRA NEVADA	258	414.83	24.00
SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN	780	57.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS		405.59	16.75
TOTAL		\$20,348.93	\$5,167.72

REVIVALTIME—AUGUST 1964

NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING THIS MONTH.....	93
PERCENT OF COOPERATING CHURCHES	27%
CHURCH OFFERINGS DIRECT TO REVIVALTIME.\$	698.80
CHURCH OFFERINGS (Other)	490.50
PERSONAL OFFERINGS	1,154.70
TOTAL OFFERINGS	2,344.00

DISTRICT REVIVALTIME REPORT

LEADING DISTRICTS IN CHURCH GIVING

Total Giving	Average Giving per church
1. EASTERN	1. NORTH DAKOTA
2. N. CALIF. and NEVADA	2. MONTANA
3. NEW YORK	3. NEW YORK
4. SO. CALIFORNIA	4. NEBRASKA
5. NORTHWEST	5. WISC. and N. MICHIGAN

BBC Attains Record Enrollment for 1964

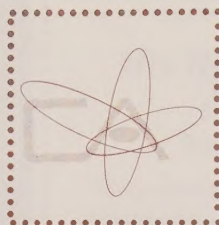
Again, Bethany Bible College enjoys a record year! Three hundred and ninety one students have converged on the campus from 22 different states and 12 foreign countries as compared with 358 last fall ... to make Bethany's 45th year of continuous operation the greatest ever.

California leads with the highest number of students, followed by Oregon with 47 and Washington with 9.

Other states include Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Foreign countries represented this year include Australia, 2; Brazil, 1; Canada, 6; China, 1; Cuba, 1; Holland 2; Peru, 1; Philippines, 1; Samoa, 1; South Africa, 1 West Indies, 1.

The current number of first-time enrollees shows a 20 per cent increase over last fall. According to some, this may be the result of the population boom throughout America, or the increased emphasis on education as a whole. We at Bethany prefer to regard this increase as an indication that, regardless of the pressures upon every young person, more of them are looking to God for His divine direction in their lives ... and Bethany affords them the opportunity to do so.



CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

STEPHEN ASMUTH, President

'Summer of Service'

Report by ELMER BUENO
District C.A. Vice President

Imagine, if you will, 150 Assemblies of God college-age youth on a special mission—it is Youth with a Mission's "Summer of Service"—a gruelling two-month evangelism saturation of the Bahama Islands and the Dominican Republic.

Over 30 of these dedicated youth came from our own ranks in Northern California with an equal number from our neighboring District to the south. They gathered from virtually every part of the nation for a week of intensive training in Richardson and Grand Prairie, Texas. It was there they learned the techniques of door to

door evangelism and "on the spot" witnessing.

In the waning days of June the S.O.S. constituents found themselves in front-line duty. Approximately 140 were to be challenged by the islands southeast of Florida's tip, known as the Bahamas. Their assignment was not that of the usual American, for they were not tourists. No cameras strapped around their shoulders, nor was their purpose to gather collections on a globetrotter's safari. They had but one assignment, to share the claims of Christ to anyone and everyone who might lend an ear.

Many miles to the south, 16 additional members had accepted the challenge of ministering in the Caribbean tropics. The Dominican Republic was to be their home for two months. It was my privilege to direct this team for one month in an invasion of the principal cities of the republic. The day was spent in door to door visitation and distribution of literature as well as radio and TV appearances. Nightly, from 1,500 to 2,500 hungry souls attended the open air crusades. It was immediately evident that a harvest was to be reaped. Never had such hunger been witnessed. During the two-month "Summer of Service" 70,-

000 souls attended the open air crusades, with over 3,000 souls finding Christ as Saviour. The testimony of many transformed lives and the healing of many broken bodies are still most vivid in our minds.

We lived in the rough native style. With tropical weather — humid and hot, night and day; air mattresses and mosquito netting for our nights of rest and protection from insects; native food as our daily portion; outmoded and cramped quarters — yet, not a member would have traded these small inconveniences for the great experiences in our "Summer of Service."

We were joined by 14 Dominican young people. This helped form teams of two: one American and one Dominican, who together presented the claims of Christ.

Other evangelists ministering in the Dominican Republic this time included Loren Cunningham, Director of Youth with a Mission; Alex Bazan, C.A. President for the Latin American District Pacific Conference; and Geo. Flattery, an Assembly of God minister from Texas. The Bahamas invasion included the ministry of Loren Cunningham, Director; Paul Bruton, C.A. Representative from the Peninsula

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'On to Turlock for '64 C.A. Slogan

Many unique and interesting services and activities are planned for the 1964 C. A. Convention, which will convene in Turlock, Calif., on Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 26, 27, and 28. The annual conclave of the Northern California and Nevada Christ's Ambassadors is again slated to be jammed with youth-slanted features.

Speaker in each of the three evening rallies will be the Rev. Bobby Hoskins, noted young missionary evangelist. Rev. Hoskins recently was the featured speaker in the Youth with a Mission "Summer of Service" crusade in the Bahama Islands. This will be the second district convention in which he has been the featured speaker within six years.

All sessions of the convention will be held at Bethel Temple, Third and "A" Streets, with the exception of the Friday evening rally which will convene in the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds auditorium. It is anticipated that the 1500-seat auditorium will be easily filled, as an invitation saturation program will be conducted in the late afternoon, with the intent to invite every resident of Turlock to the rally.

The second annual sessions of the

Youth Convention will be held Friday and Saturday mornings, with District C.A. Vice President Elmer Bueno and 1964 "Speaker of the House" David Lim in charge. The unique program is similar in concept to "Boy's State," in that the youth are featured with their own resolutions, and business is conducted in a Congress-like manner.

The annual Teen-C.A. Talent Search semi-finals will be conducted Friday with District C.A. Secretary-Treasurer Eddie Kramer acting as M.C. Entries from all over Northern California and Nevada will compete for top honors. Two of last year's winners went all the way to first place in the national finals. District finals will be held on Saturday afternoon.

Other scheduled events include a Friday evening singspiration following the evangelistic rally; a district business meeting to consider amendments to the constitution; a missions emphasis in the Saturday evening meeting; and various luncheon and dinner events.

A convention-goers package plan is being offered through the pastors and C.A. presidents. Consult yours for further information.

Convention Schedule

TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA
NOVEMBER 26, 27, 28—1964

Thursday, Nov. 26—

7:30 p.m.—Thanksgiving Rally,
Bobby Hoskins, speaker, Bethel Temple, Turlock.

Friday, Nov. 27—

9:00 a.m.—Morning Devotions
9:45 a.m.—Teen-C.A. Talent Search semi-finals
9:45 a.m.—Youth Congress (Fellowship Hall)
1:45 p.m.—Youth Forums
3:00 p.m.—Teen-C.A. Talent Search semi-finals
3:00 p.m.—Operation: Turlock
7:00 p.m.—Evangelism Rally, Bobby Hoskins, speaker
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds

Saturday, Nov. 28—

9:00 a.m.—Morning Devotions
9:45 a.m.—Youth Congress (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 a.m.—Youth Forums
1:45 p.m.—District C.A. Business Meeting
3:30 p.m.—Teen-C.A. Talent Search Finals
5:00 p.m.—Convention Banquet
7:00 p.m.—Missions Rally
Bobby Hoskins, speaker
Bethel Temple, Turlock

M.F. CONVENTION CANDIDS



"Royal Rangers" present colors.



Ed Cole; Singer Mary Jane; Goldia Anderson



Dr. Burnett, B.B.C. President; Rev. Gerhart, and Featured Morning Speaker, Dr. Max Rafferty, State Superintendent of Schools.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

E. L. COLE, President



Bob Harrison, featured afternoon speaker, and Ed Cole, M.F. President.



Burton Pierce, National M.F. Director, presents plaque to Alisal A/G for being M.F. Church of the Year. Pastor Joe Wright offers encouragement as M.F. President W. S. Price receives plaque.

CHURCH NEWS

CAMPBELL—

The Don Corbins, missionaries to Senegal, West Africa, conducted a missionary service.

Pastor H. L. Johnson

CARMICHAEL—

Evangelist Garfield J. Unruh conducted special Revival services. Teen Challenge workers brought a thrilling report of their work in San Francisco.

Pastor L. W. Suter

CASTROVILLE—

The Assembly is experiencing good growth and progress. A lovely new parsonage was dedicated by Sup't. Joseph L. Gerhart.

Pastor Truvon Rogers

CERES—

Evangelist Sam Klein conducted excellent meetings. Pastor Dan Robinson reports, "Brother Klein is one of our best preachers. Though it was in time of harvest, we had good attendance. He will help any church with his anointed messages."

CORNING—

First Assembly enjoyed challenging and dynamic ministry of youth-evangelist Bob Rannels, of Salinas, Calif. A Back-to-School Crusade was conducted in the early part of September. Other recent guests were Missionary and Mrs. Don Corbin and also the Mackey Gospel Trio from Wilmington, California.

Pastor Jim Logan

EL SOBRANTE—

The lovely new facilities of Central Assembly (formerly of Richmond) were dedicated in a week of special meetings. The District officers participated in services on Dedication Sunday with Rev. Paul Schoch bringing the dedicatory message and Supt. Joseph L. Gerhart conducting the dedication ceremony.

Pastor Russell Griffin,
Associate Ed Kramer

LOVELOCK, NEVADA—

Fourteen new, solid red-oak pews were recently installed and dedicated at a special service. Matching pulpit and platform panels soon will be added. The sanctuary has been redecorated inside and out and other improvements made in the church building.

Pastors Erna Petznick
and Ruby Enyart

ELY, NEVADA—

Special guest speakers have included Val Munson with Teen Challenge ministry in Boston, Evangelist A. G. Doenfeld, a Holy Spirit filled Lutheran minister, Evangelist Don Burwell of Bethany College.

The three-day "Western Fellowship Meeting held by the Northern Nevada Section was a great success. Fifty-two registered and there were as many as forty in a service.

Pastor Howard G. Davis

HIGHWAY CITY—

Evangelist and Mrs. Don Merrill conducted a very successful revival meeting. This was Campmeeting style with open air facilities.

Pastor E. M. McKim

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—

Rev. Richard A. Williams, Director of the Assembly of God Campus Center at the University of California, conducted a Crusade which emphasized the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer.

Pastor Wilbur H. Wacker

MODESTO—

Bethel Assembly heard Rev. Ralph Williams, Missionary to Venezuela, South America.

Pastor L. B. Lewis

SACRAMENTO—

Bethel Temple is anticipating a Revival Campaign with Russell and Fern Olson to begin Nov. 1.

Pastor Clyde A. Henson

ST. HELENA—

The Assembly recently enjoyed the ministry of Supt. Joseph L. Gerhart in the services and for the official dedication of the lovely new parsonage.

Pastor R. J. Grams

Santa Cruz Assembly Wins Begonia Float Prize

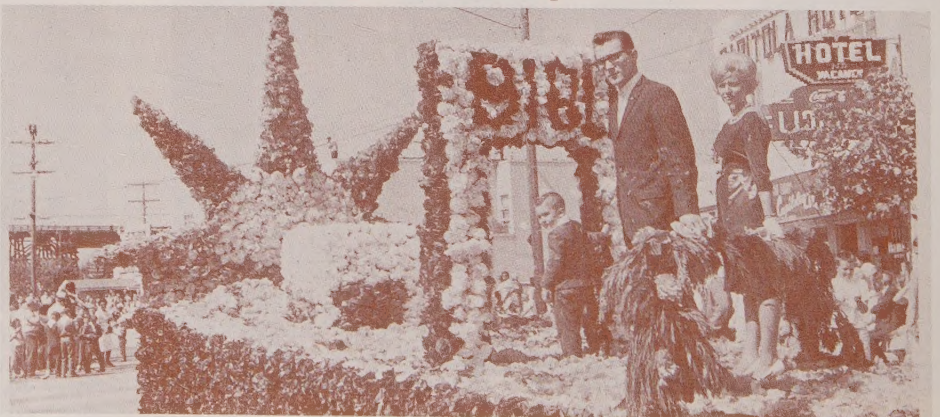
The resort town of Capitola, California, is known as the "Begonia Capital" of the World." This year the Begonia Queen was sent to the New York World's Fair to reign for a day and then was jetted home to lead the famous Begonia Festival parade.

This year the young people of the First Assembly of God Church in Santa Cruz conceived the idea of entering a church float purely for the testimony it would give to the thousands of onlookers. The parade theme this year was "Paradise in September." First Assembly adopted as their theme "Pointing the Way to Paradise." It depicted a family finding its way to Paradise along a pathway that led through the Bible.

Young and old alike joined hands to make the float an attractive testimony. Like the New Year's Rose Parade in Pasadena, California, each float is required to be made entirely of flowers. The Begonia Parade limits the use of Begonia blossoms to the decorating of the floats. Over 11,000 Begonias were used on First Assembly's float alone! Many were attaching the flowers to the float until 2 a.m.

The weary hours of labor were richly rewarded later in the morning by the overwhelming enthusiasm of the spectators. When the awards were made, it was First Assembly's time to be overwhelmed. The church was presented a huge trophy for the best float in the entire parade; another trophy for the best church entry; and a third trophy for the best amateur float! Pictures of the float were on front pages of newspapers and telecasts showed it moving majestically down the streets of this resort city.

Pastor Kenneth Short and the congregation are happy for the awards, but they are especially thrilled for having the privilege of telling so many that the only way to Paradise is through the Word of God.



KASTS CONDUCT 35 SERVICES IN 36 DAYS IN SWITZERLAND

David and Gretchen (nee Lehmann) Kast write from Switzerland, "In our first thirty-six days of itinerary we've held thirty-five services . . . the people have been very receptive and responsive.

"Thrill of thrills, Mom and Dad Lehmann will be spending Oct. 9-20 with us here, en route to Ghana . . . In our final Swiss service, the brethren will be meeting to ordain David to full-time service.

"Permission has just been granted for us to leave for Basutoland the first week of December. Lord willing, we hope to be at Mt. Tabor for the annual national conference from Christmas to the first of the year. Not only do the Christians from the thirty out-stations plan to be present, but the James Stewarts as well! Permission has also been given for us to reach Basutoland via Ghana . . . There we hope to spend a week, if possible."

MARIE NEUFELD DUE BACK IN DEC.

Marie Neufeld plans to leave Ougadougou, Africa, about the middle of November and hopes to be home by Christmas. She expects to see some of Europe on her way home even though it will be very cold by then. Prayer is requested that a replacement will be found for her in Ougadougou by the time she leaves.

TO TEACH IN INDIA SCHOOL

In July, Lela Folker's sister, Jane, arrived in India. She will be teaching in the Woodstock school for one year and also will travel with Lela as she visits the mission stations in Southern India.

Lela is now teaching seventh grade Scripture, 7th and 8th grade social studies and all of the elementary art (grades 1-6). She has in her classes 237 different children.

FIRST YOUTH CAMP HELD ON MAUI, HAWAII IN AUGUST

The first youth camp of the Assemblies of God to be conducted on Maui, Hawaii, was held in August. Brother and Sister McCollister report that on the last night God moved in a precious way as they gathered around the fagot fire and the young people then returned to the auditorium to pray. Some had already gone to bed when word began to spread that a number were being filled with the Holy Spirit and the young people began to get out of bed and return to pray. A great change is seen in the lives of the young people and they have been staying at the close of the services to pray. Brother and Sister John "Hap"

MISSIONS ITEMS

McPherson were the Camp Evangelists and the youth enjoyed them.

The McCollisters request prayer as they begin an intensified campaign of witnessing this fall.

WRIGHTS RETURN TO MALAWI

On Sept. 4 the Paul Wrights left the States to return again to minister in Central Africa. Their older son, Oren, remained in the States to attend Evangel College. Mervin left his parents in Europe to fly ahead for school in Malawi. The Wrights went by ship, taking a Speed-the-Light car with them.

Although the Wrights are returning to the same field, it now has the new name of Malawi instead of Nyasaland since it has become an independent nation. Their address will be P.O. Box 156, Limbe, Malawi, Africa.

CENTER—ELDON EASTER FAMILY
TOP—PAUL WRIGHT FAMILY



ELKO, NEVADA, ASSEMBLY

EASTERS TO LANGUAGE SCHOOL

With their VW loaded to capacity with everything they would need for language school, the Eldon Easters left California for San Jose, Costa Rica, the middle of August, arriving in time to start their studies. A crumpled bumper, inspections, burned valve, skidding and bumping through a stream where the bridge was washed out, a refreshing visit with the Lindvalls in El Salvador, and a warm "Welcome" from the Hiatts on their arrival in Costa Rica were incidents they will long remember.

They write, "Right now we are up to our ears in Spanish . . . We are only allowed to listen to Spanish dialogues to get our ear in tune with Spanish conversation. This will go on for two weeks before we are to use books. So we listen and repeat what the teacher says for four hours at school. Then we take tapes home and do the same thing—listen and repeat—listen and repeat."

"We are thankful to all of you for your prayers while we traveled . . . May the Lord bless everyone of you as we labor together for Him."

ELKO, NEV., BUILDING WORK

The adjoining pictures shows the church at Elko, Nevada. While it looks like a finished building, the inside of the sanctuary is unfinished. The congregation is worshipping in the C.A. hall in the basement.

At a recent meeting of the Home Missions Board a decision was made to finish the upstairs. Rev. John Hudgins, a contractor, has volunteered to go to Elko and direct the construction work as well as working himself.

The District Men's Fellowship president, Ed Cole, was contacted and he agreed to attempt to get plumbers, electricians, carpenters, sheetrock men or any others who would like to volunteer to spend a few days working on this project. We trust this will be the first of many similar efforts.

The building was brought to its present state of completion by Rev. Harold Smith, who is now pastoring in Oregon. He is to be commended for his work.

Rev. Maurice Caudill is the present pastor in Elko.



WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

GOLDIA ANDERSON, President

WMC Gifts Help Africa-Bound Lehmann Family

The following paragraphs are excerpts from a letter written by the Hal Lehmanns just before their departure for Africa.

As we have already told you while in the office, there is just no way to tell you how much the giving of the various WMC groups and sections and individuals has meant and will mean to us when we get to Ghana once more!

Having a wonderful Maytag washing machine and soap to use with it (brought in by the WMCs at Camp time), having our tape recorder all repaired and ready for use once more, new brief cases for both of us, money for summer weight clothing, shoes . . . all because those sections that we had the privilege of visiting raised the funds for these various things . . . plus the marvelous supply of canned goods . . . including Naomi's precious peaches and applesauce! . . . and Hal's tinned meats, dried beans, and macaroni! . . . to mention just a few delicious items . . . plus the laundry and toilet soaps and the linens which will make our home so nice . . . for these many, many expressions of your love and concern; for our precious Lord and for us, we do thank you from the depths of our hearts. May the Lord richly bless each and everyone of you who helped to make these gifts possible, all of which will be such a blessing to us when we return to Ghana!

A most sincere thanks to one and all of the Missionettes! When we began packing the things which you had so faithfully and enthusiastically made for us to take back to Ghana, West

BECAUSE YOU HELPED

Because you helped, one who was sad
was cheered,
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disappeared;
One who was worried found his
problem shared,
And he gained confidence because
you cared.

Because you helped, a load too much
for one,
Became so light the carrying seemed
fun;
A job that was beyond another's skill
Was done by him with satisfying thrill.
Because you helped, a closed door
opened wide,
And one who longed to enter stepped
inside;
Because you helped, one hopelessly
astray
Was put back on the proper path,
to stay.

Because you helped, one who had
quite lost heart
Soon made a new and a successful
start.
To these, who'd almost given up the
fight,
Life and its living once again seemed
bright . . .

Because you helped!

—Alfred I. Tooke

KID'S KRUSADE IN SYLMAR

Lynn and Becky Wickstrom conducted a Kid's Krusade in First Assembly of Sylmar, Calif., where the Rev. G. C. Sturgeon is pastor.

Africa, we were overwhelmed! One Missionette sponsor even sent the parcel for her group special delivery . . . and it arrived the very day we were packing the last things! All the little dresses and the necessary accessories will certainly gladden the hearts of our Ghanaian WMCs and Missionettes. Those attractive clothes sprinklers, the fancy soap packets for our guests . . . everything will be so very welcome in our own home and the homes of others of our missionaries. May the Lord bless you each one as you continue to work, learning to love Him and helping to meet the need of missionaries and of Missions, which is so dear to His own heart.

THANKS TO ALL WMC LADIES FROM THE PAUL WRIGHTS

I'm lost for words to express the feelings of my heart. We're so grateful to God for all the WMC ladies for the wonderful blessings you've bestowed upon us, but more than the material blessings has been the love of all the WMC women to us. It simply overwhelms me . . . what does one say but a simple, sincere *Thank You*. Oren is in Evangel College, thoroughly enjoying himself. Merwin went on ahead of us and is already on the field in school. Everything was terrific! Thanks again.

GREETINGS FROM GRETCHEN AND DAVID KAST IN SWITZERLAND

Our trip across the ocean was a very pleasant one. The freighter had a crew of 50 and only ten passengers. We were like one big family. For more than 75 years, Switzerland has not had such a warm summer as this one. Our services have been from one side of Switzerland to the other. Our itinerary started 37 days ago and we have had 36 services, all in German! There are times when we minister in nice big churches with over 400 present, and other times in farm houses with 15 present. It is rather difficult for us to have a gospel service on the second floor of a farm house and to know that below you are horses, cows, pigs, etc. We usually cannot return home until we have seen the animals. Arriving back at our destination, someone will always ask us if we ministered in a farm house since he can notice that we have carried some of the fragrance with us! Whether large or small congregations, we have been amazed by their hunger for God and their response for missions. God has already supplied the funds for our fare back to Basutoland and also for a church building. We do praise Him for it.

SWANSONS ON WORLD TOUR

Pastor and Mrs. Swanson have left for a missionary tour which will take them to Hong Kong, Calcutta, Nairobi, Nyasaland, Germany, and Canada. He will speak at three conventions: Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; Windsor, Ontario, Canada; and Lilwonge, Malawi, (formerly called Nyasaland) Africa. The Swansons will return home from Canada the first of November. We wish them God-speed and the anointing of the Spirit upon their ministry.

PROUD PARENTS

Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Frank Mapes, who are the proud parents of Janette Yvonne, born Sept. 18.



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Marion Lawrence says, "the greatest need in the church today is for trained teachers who will put their whole mind into *preparation*, who will put their whole soul into *presentation*, and their whole life into *illustration*."
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* * *

Superintendent Ken Anderson of Petaluma tells of a mother hearing her children sing "More Bumble-bees." Amazed, the mother realized that the tune was "More Abundantly."

And Georgia Tenbrook, a Sunday School teacher in Petaluma, reports a student who asked, "Sister Tenbrook, when do you get baptized in water? Is it at any certain age or is it after you learn how to swim?"

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His Hand Stuck to Sword

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rosy dreams of one super church into which all the world will flow.

You are locked in mortal combat with an enemy who has a thousand diabolical weapons with which to destroy the church of Christ. There can be no armistice, no truce, no negotiations. It is a fight to the finish. You are living in a different age than some of us have lived in. Today the family altar is an anachronism. The school is an incubator of skepticism. Community life is corrupted by immorality and licentiousness. Sad to say, even the church is no longer that moral and spiritual Gibraltar that it once was. The floodtides of rationalism, the winds of higher criticism and the termites of dead orthodoxy have eroded this once-famous mountain to a mere molehill. It is this hour that the sword of the Spirit is committed into your hands.

The sword is new and shining, your hands soft and uncalloused, your life sheltered and guarded. But from today, from this sheltered sanctuary, you will be thrust out into the thick of battle. Wrap your hand around the

sword. In the name of the Lord of Sabaoth declare a war that shall not end until the day you fall in the heat of battle, weary and exhausted, wounded and bloodstained, but the sword still tightly clasped in a hand that will not let it go.

The Word of God and history abound with glowing examples of splendid courage from which we can learn and profit. There is Joseph, lied against, sinned against, betrayed by his brothers, seduced by a prime minister's wife. Thrown into a filthy dungeon because he would not defile his morals, he cries, "How can I do this great wickedness to sin against God?" Imprisoned, but spiritually free; locked in filth, but morally clean; stripped of his official garments, but clothed in God's holy righteousness; his sceptre of authority removed, but his hand stuck to the sword.

I think of old Uncle Bud Robinson. What an inspiration he has been to many. Here is one of his little prayers: "Oh Lord, give me a backbone as big as a saw log, and ribs like the sleepers under the church floor. Put iron shoes on my feet, and galvanized britches.

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'Matching Gift' To BBC from IBM

IBM's Data Processing Division has presented Bethany Bible College with a \$1,000 gift which was presented as part of the Matching Gift Program of IBM following a very generous gift last spring from Mrs. Evelyn Lowe, 1421 Lois Way, Campbell.

Mrs. Lowe, a member of Calvary Temple in San Jose, and a long-time friend of Dr. and Mrs. Burnett, presented a \$1,000 gift to Dr. Burnett for use in the college wherever most needed. At the same time, Mrs. Lowe told Dr. Burnett about the program



DEAN HOLDCROFT ACCEPTS \$1,000 CHECK FROM IBM'S RESIDENT MANAGER RABUN THOMPSON.

at IBM. Several letters followed between Bethany's president and the executive offices of IBM. The result: another \$1,000 to match Mrs. Lowe's contribution.

The college administration publicly thanks Mrs. Lowe and IBM for their generous help toward Bethany's program of preparing young men and women for active Christian service.

A number of business corporations across America have a similar program of matching gifts from their employees to educational institutions. If you are interested in securing a list of those corporations or further information about this program, write to Dr. C. C. Burnett, President, Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, California.

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His Hand Stuck to Sword

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Hang a wagonload of determination up in the gable end of my soul and help me to sign a contract to fight the devil as long as I have a vision, fight him as long as I have a tooth, and then gum him till I die. For Jesus' sake. Amen." It is men like this who cling to the sword, that make an impression upon a world that has lost its sense of dedication and consecration.

George Matheson when a young man, was disappointed in his love, disappointed in the girl to whom he was betrothed to be married. She left him because he was becoming blind. In his blindness and in his loneliness, thinking of a broken human love, George Matheson wrote:

"Oh love that wilt not let me go,
I cast my helpless self on Thee.
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depth its flow
May richer, fuller be."

Think of Paul. Couldn't he have said, "Haven't I suffered enough? Let someone else take my place now. It is time for me to retire and take it easy." Listen to his lament: "Only Luke is with me. Demas is gone. All have forsaken me. Bring my cloak; it's cold. Bring my parchments; I'm lonely here, I need some reading." Listen to him: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." And on his way to the Roman chopping block, his sword was still stuck in his hand.

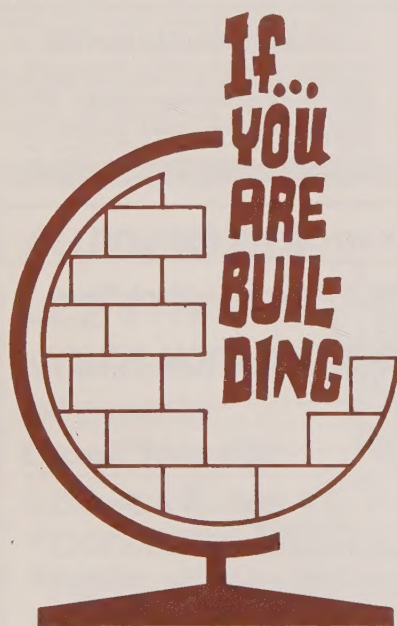
Dr. Duff, the 80-year-old missionary from India, was back in his favorite city in Scotland — Edinburgh — for a missionary meeting. During the service he pleaded so intensely, so passionately for men, for money, for missions, he fainted during his message. Loving friends carried him into the anteroom where he was revived. "Where am I?" he asked. They told him. He said, "Where are the people?" He was told they were still in the church. He said, "Take me back." They said, "No, it will kill you." He said, "It will kill me if you don't." They carried him out in a chair and that dear old man sat before that crowd and begged and pleaded until it seemed like his heart would break.

Finally he closed his eyes and cried: "Oh God, Scotland has no money; Scotland has no men to go; Scotland has no love to give. Let me go back. I'll die on the banks of the Ganges to prove to the Indians that I love them." His hand stuck to the sword!

So it was with Dr. Livingston. When he did not appear at his regular hour, the native friends and helpers stood outside his tent waiting for him. An hour passed; Livingston did not appear. One of the men tiptoed to the tent and looked in. There he was on his knees with his face toward a land across the river to which he had wanted to go to preach the gospel. For some reason he just knelt there without moving. The helper became a little suspicious, tiptoed inside the tent, and touched him. He was gone. His heart had played out. Upon his knees, facing that savage land across the river, his heart still cried, "God, let me tell them about Thee!" His hand stuck to the sword.

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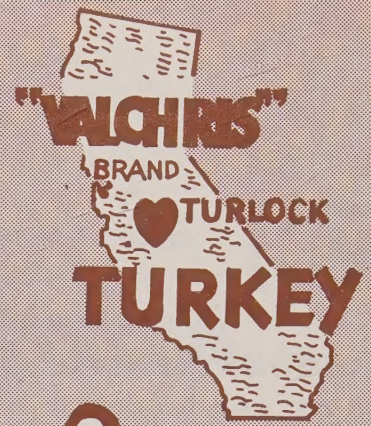



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Summer Service

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section; Bob Hoskins, and others. Although the Bahamas team found people more Gospel-hardened, yet God's miracle-working power was still evident as hundreds found Christ as their Saviour.

The great spiritual experiences included many miraculous accounts of God's provision and protection over the lives of each team member. In the words of one team member: "I had been comparing the accounts of our Youth with a Mission team and those recorded in the books of Acts, and up to this point I believe we're ahead." This is not to say that this modern day book of Acts experience was superior to the early church, but that God's provision and God's power was evident many times over.

Possibly the most significant part of this entire trip is the effect it has had upon the lives of those who rendered their services. One of the parents, upon spending the first few hours at home with his daughter, stated: "She is not the same girl; her sense of values has changed."

In a day and age when youth are looking for a cause, it is a source of great encouragement to realize that they will accept a challenge of dedication and commitment. Youth can help change the world and will respond to the Great Commission.

MINISTERING IN BRAZIL

H. H. Teeters is ministering in Brazil and reports a good harvest of souls. Calvary Tabernacle, Stockton, made it possible for Brother Teeters to have this missionary ministry in appreciation of the many years he has been active in the Assembly.

SOMETIMES YOU ONLY GET ONE CHANCE

- to put aside your pride and say, humbly, "I was wrong."
- to explain a misunderstanding that, if ignored, would sour a friendship.
- to hear what a child very much needs to tell you.
- to defend a person when slighting remarks are being made against him.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Florence N. Boucher in the loss of her husband on Sept. 13. In addition to this sorrow, the eldest Boucher son passed away on the day of his father's funeral. We assure our Sister Boucher of our earnest prayers for her and other members of the family. She has been a faithful minister in this District for many years.

Campus Revival Stimulates Bethany

A new spirit has charged the Bethany Bible College campus ... the Spirit of Revival. From the very first service during Spiritual Emphasis Week, student after student has been challenged and inspired to a renewed walk in and by the Spirit of God.

A good number of students have been filled and many others refilled with the Holy Spirit. There was a healing line after one of the morning meetings. Several students were prayed for, and testimony after testimony can be given by them about definite miracles from the Lord.

The Rev. Glen Horst, well-known world traveler, campmeeting speaker

and pastor of Calvary Temple in Seattle, Washington, was speaker for the week of meetings. This was a return engagement for him. About a year ago, he spoke for the Missionary Convention. His anointed and "down-to-earth" preaching has reached the hearts of both faculty and students alike, and the atmosphere on the campus will never be the same.

Fasting and much prayer ... prompted by earnest desires to "touch God" ... preceded and followed the week of special meetings. One was heard to remark: "It is no wonder that the Lord has blessed so abundantly. God grant that this will be the spiritual tone for the entire year."

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